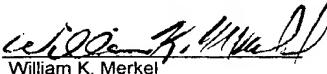




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This paper is filed in response to the final Office Action mailed October 16, 2006. This response is timely filed in view of the petition and fee for a one-month extension of time filed herewith. A Request for Continued Examination is filed herewith.

Amendments to the Specification: None.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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